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SUBJECT: THAMMASAT 18 LAWYERS COMPLAIN OF HARASSMENT FROM
RIGHTIST ELEMENTS; JANUARY 16 TRIAL SESSION POSTPONED

REF: BANGKOK 994

1. "THAMMASAT 18" TRIAL SESSION SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 16
POSTPONED AT REQUEST OF DEFENSE LAWYERS WHO COMPLAINED THAT
SEVERAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS HAD BEEN HARASSED BY OPPOSITION
GROUPS ON THEIR WAY TO AND FROM COURTROOM AT PREVIOUS
HEARING, JAN 9 (REFTEL).

2. ON JAN. 18, PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK ANNOUNCED THE
RTG WILL PROVIDE SECURITY PROTECTION TO THE LAWYERS
DEFENDING THE "THAMMASAT 18". TRIAL SCHEDULE TO RESUME
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23.

3. COMMENT: THE LAWYERS' CLAIMS OF HARASSMENT
BY CERTAIN RIGHT WING ELEMENTS (INCLUDING THE RED GAURS)
MAY BE JUSTIFIED, AS ISSUES RAISED AT TRIAL OF
THAMMASAT 18 CINTINUE TO REKINDLE PASSIONS WHICH ERUPTED
IN VIOLENT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN LEFTIST AND RIGHTIST
GROUPS ON OCTOBER 6, 1976. AS NOTED IN REFTEL, JAN 9
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TRIAL SESSION WAS MARKED BY STUDENTS DEMONSTRATING
IN FAVOR OF THAMMASAT 18. SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS
VIRTUALLY ENSURE COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION IN RELATIVELY
FREER ATMOSPHERE IN THAILAND. DECISION TO PROVIDE
SECURITY FOR DEFENSE LAWYERS IS DEMONSTRATION OF
RTG'S DESIRE TO REDUCE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE AND
PROMOTE IMAGE OF JUSTICE IN CONNECTION WITH OCT. 6

TRIAL. END COMMENT.
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